

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41663
WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.
RN100599349
Docket No. 2011-0766-DCL-E**

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

DCL

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

White Cleaners & Laundry, 221 West Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, Cameron County

Type of Operation:

Dry cleaning and drop station facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: September 16, 2011

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$3,015

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$603

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$112

Total Due to General Revenue: \$2,300

Payment Plan: 23 payments of \$100 each

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - N/A

Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: March 14, 2011

Date(s) of NOE(s): March 14, 2011

Violation Information

1. Failed to renew the Facility's registration by completing and submitting the required registration form to the TCEQ for a dry cleaning and/or drop station facility. Specifically, the previous registration expired on December 31, 2009 and was not renewed at the time of the investigation [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.11(e) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 374.102].
2. Failed to maintain documentation of the non-chlorinated solvent purchases at the Facility [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.72(1)].
3. Failed to maintain documentation of dry cleaning waste disposal at the Facility [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.72(2)].
4. Failed to pay outstanding dry cleaner fees for TCEQ Financial Account No. 24000960 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.14(c) and TEX. WATER CODE § 5.702].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 15 days:
 - i. Complete and submit the required dry cleaner and/or drop station registration forms for the Facility;
 - ii. Submit payment for outstanding fees including any associated penalties and interest;
- b. Within 30 days, begin retaining the invoices for the dry cleaning solvent purchases and the waste disposal records at the Facility; and
- c. Within 45 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance.

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Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Danielle Porras, Enforcement Division,
Enforcement Team 7, MC R-12, (713) 767-3682; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division,
MC 219, (512) 239-0412
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: Sergio L. Zarate, Owner/President, WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY
INC., 221 West Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550
Respondent's Attorney: N/A





Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	16-May-2011	Screening	18-May-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	24-May-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100599349
Facility/Site Region	15-Harlingen
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	41663	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2011-0766-DCL-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Dry Cleaner	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Danielle Porras
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$50

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$2,515
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1	
<small>Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.</small>	

Compliance History	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment for compliance history.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$51
 Approx. Cost of Compliance: \$500
 *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$2,515
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$2,515
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$2,515
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$503
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$2,012
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Respondent WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100599349

Media [Statute] Dry Cleaner

Enf. Coordinator Danielle Porras

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

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Media [Statute] Dry Cleaner

Enf. Coordinator Danielle Porras

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 337.11(e) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 374.102

Violation Description Failed to renew the Facility's registration by completing and submitting the required registration form to the TCEQ for a dry cleaning and/or drop station facility. Specifically, the previous registration expired on December 31, 2009 and was not renewed at the time of the investigation.

Base Penalty \$50

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	x			10%

Matrix Notes: 100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$45

\$5

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 503 Number of violation days 503

mark only one with an x	daily	x
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$2,515

Five Hundred Three daily events are recommended from the December 31, 2009 expiration date to the May 18, 2011 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$2,515

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$51

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,515

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,515

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.
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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100599349
Media Dry Cleaner
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$500	31-Dec-2009	14-Jan-2012	2.04	\$51	n/a	\$51

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost (\$250 per year) to register a dry cleaning or drop facility annually. The Date Required is the expiration date of the registration and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$500

TOTAL \$51



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	PCW	24-May-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100599349				
Facility/Site Region	15-Harlingen	Major/Minor Source	Minor		

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	41663	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2011-0766-DCL-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Dry Cleaner	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Danielle Porras
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$5,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5**

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts
 Approx. Cost of Compliance *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

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Media [Statute] Dry Cleaner

Enf. Coordinator Danielle Porras

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
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	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

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Media [Statute] Dry Cleaner

Enf. Coordinator Danielle Porras

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 337.72(1) and (2)

Violation Description Failed to maintain documentation of the non-chlorinated solvent purchases and documentation of dry cleaning waste disposal at the Facility.

Base Penalty \$5,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Table with columns: Release (Actual, Potential), Harm (Major, Moderate, Minor), Percent (0%).

>> Programmatic Matrix

Table with columns: Falsification, Major, Moderate, Minor, Percent (10%).

Matrix Notes 100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$4,500

\$500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 65

Table for frequency selection: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual, single event (marked with x).

Violation Base Penalty \$500

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

Table for Good Faith Efforts: Extraordinary, Ordinary, N/A (marked with x).

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$4

Violation Final Penalty Total \$500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.
Case ID No. 41663
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100599349
Media Dry Cleaner
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Cost **Date Required** **Final Date** **Yrs** **Interest Saved** **Onetime Costs** **EB Amount**
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System	\$100	14-Mar-2011	14-Jan-2012	0.84	\$4	n/a	\$4
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to retain invoices of dry cleaning solvent purchases and waste disposal records. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$100

TOTAL

\$4

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100599349

Media [Statute] Dry Cleaner

Enf. Coordinator Danielle Porras

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 337.14(c) and Tex. Water Code § 5.702

Violation Description Failed to pay outstanding dry cleaner fees for TCEQ Financial Account No. 24000960, as documented during a record review conducted on May 20, 2011.

Base Penalty \$5,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
				0%

Matrix Notes: No penalty is calculated for this violation.

Adjustment \$5,000

\$0

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events [] Number of violation days []

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$0

No additional administrative penalty was calculated for this violation as penalties and interest will be assessed on the next fee billing.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A		(mark with x)

Notes

Violation Subtotal \$0

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$0

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$0

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.
Case ID No. 41663
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100599349
Media Dry Cleaner
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
<small>No commas or \$</small>							

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

N/A

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN602471377 WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC. Classification: Rating:
Regulated Entity: RN100599349 White Cleaners & Laundry Classification: Site Rating:
ID Number(s): DRY CLEANERS REGISTRATION INTERNAL 100599349
Location: 221 W HARRISON AVE, HARLINGEN, TX, 78550
TCEQ Region: REGION 15 - HARLINGEN
Date Compliance History Prepared: May 18, 2011
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: May 18, 2006 to May 18, 2011
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
Name: Danielle Porras Phone: (713) 767-3682

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
- 6.

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
 - D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
1 5/12/2011 (905779)
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
 - F. Environmental audits.
N/A
 - G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).
N/A
 - H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.
N/A
 - I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.
N/A
 - J. Early compliance.
N/A
- Sites Outside of Texas
N/A



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY
INC.
RN100599349**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2011-0766-DCL-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC. ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 374 and TEX. WATER CODE chs. 5 and 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a dry cleaning and drop station facility at 221 West Harrison Avenue in Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The TCEQ has general authority concerning the Respondent pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 374.051.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about March 19, 2011.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Three Thousand Fifteen Dollars (\$3,015) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II

("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$112) of the administrative penalty and Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$603) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

The remaining amount of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 23 monthly payments of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of the Respondent to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to renew the Facility's registration by completing and submitting the required registration form to the TCEQ for a dry cleaning and/or drop station facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.11(e) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 374.102, as documented during an investigation conducted on March 14, 2011. Specifically, the previous registration expired on December 31, 2009 and was not renewed at the time of the investigation.

2. Failed to maintain documentation of the non-chlorinated solvent purchases at the Facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.72(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on March 14, 2011.
3. Failed to maintain documentation of dry cleaning waste disposal at the Facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.72(2), as documented during an investigation conducted on March 14, 2011.
4. Failed to pay outstanding dry cleaner fees for TCEQ Financial Account No. 24000960, as documented during a record review conducted on May 20, 2011, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.14(c) and TEX. WATER CODE § 5.702, as documented during an investigation conducted on March 14, 2011.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC., Docket No. 2011-0766-DCL-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

- a. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Complete and submit the required dry cleaner and/or drop station registration forms for the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE ch. 337 to:

Dry Cleaning Registration Team, MC 138
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13807
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- ii. Submit payment for outstanding fees including any associated penalties and interest with the notation, "WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC., Account No. 24000960," to the address listed in Ordering Provision No. 1;
- b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, begin retaining the invoices for the dry cleaning solvent purchases and the waste disposal records at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 337.72; and
- c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a. through 2.b. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager
Harlingen Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
1804 West Jefferson Avenue
Harlingen, Texas 78550-5247

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

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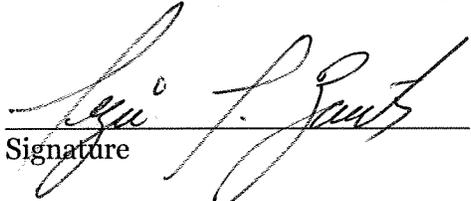
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



Signature

8-10-11

Date

Sergio L. Zarato

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
WHITE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY INC.

Owner

Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.